

SWEDES AND FINNS IN FIGHT ABOUT ÅLAND ISLANDS

STOCKHOLM, Aug. 5.—A critical situation has arisen between Sweden and Finland over Sweden's attitude toward a delegation from the Åland Islands, which represented to the Swedish government that the population of the islands desired self-determination on the basis of a referendum. After a sharp exchange of notes between the two governments a battalion of Finnish troops has been landed on Åland and encamped near Mariehamn.

The Finnish government has arrested two leaders of the Åland delegation on a charge of high treason. Sweden has dispatched a note to Finland urging the Finnish government to consent to a plebiscite by which the population of the islands would decide whether they shall belong to Sweden or Finland, but it is understood the Finnish government is unshaken in its determination to oppose any such measure.

Official opinion here is that Finland's attitude is based upon the assumption that the initiative for separation of the Ålands from Finland was taken in Sweden, whereas, it is declared, the agitation began with Ålanders who based their right of self-determination on historical grounds and upon principles recognized by the league of nations.

The Finnish government has announced that it "absolutely rejects all such claims as are irreconcilable with her sovereignty over the Ålands, which Sweden recognizes without reservation."

The Åland archipelago, in the Gulf of Bothnia, consists of 80 inhabited islands, with a population of 24,000, of whom 12,000 reside on Åland Island, the principal town of which is Mariehamn. The islands formerly belonged to Sweden, but were taken by Russia in 1809. The Finnish government holds that the political importance of the islands is so great that no Finnish government could cede them to a foreign power, and that united with Sweden they would constitute a constant source of danger to Finland.

Worshippers Are Jostled By "Dips" On Leaving Church

NEW YORK, Aug. 5. (By International News Service.)—Vincent Tibbels, 28 years old, a piano tuner, and Tony De Luca, 23, were arrested in the vestibule of the Church of St. John Baptist on a charge of attempted grand larceny. Detectives who arrested the men said they were attempting to pick pockets of crippled and infirm worshippers who went to the church to touch relics of St. Anne, which is the center of a novena there, believing the relic of St. Anne possesses the power to cure bodily ills.

De Luca was caught by a number of women, who held him until he was placed under arrest.

The detectives said that they were seated outside the church in an automobile when a man approached and asked what time the crowd would leave the church. When the detectives told him that the church would be emptied in a few minutes they said he signaled to three other men who crossed the street and that all four took up positions in the vestibule.

As the worshippers left the detectives said the four men jostled the people and one of them tried to pick the pocket of an aged man. When the detectives approached two of the men ran and escaped.

CHARACTERIZE KRASSIN "BOURGEOIS BOLSHIEVIST"

LONDON, Aug. 5.—Leonid Borisovitch Krassin, who came into the public's attention when he came to London this summer as head of a commission to negotiate the reopening of trade relations between Soviet Russia and the outside world, has been one of the few "moderates" to be given a place of responsibility in the Soviet government's machinery and has been characterized as a "bourgeois Bolshevik."

For engaging in a student's demonstration, Krassin was expelled from the Petrograd Technological Institute. Subsequently he engaged in a number of plots against the czarist regime, but continued to advance in his profession, that of an electrical engineer.

Following the Bolshevik coup of October, 1917, Krassin was offered a post in the ministry which he declined because he thought Lenin's adventure too risky and his theories too sweeping. But his relations with Lenin were cordial and he accompanied Lenin and Trotsky when they went to Brest-Litovsk to negotiate the treaty with Germany.

When it became apparent that the Bolshevik government would last, Krassin threw in his lot with it and became commissary of food in the Red army.

A "bourgeois Bolshevik," Krassin is said to have little or no belief in the theories of Lenin and the Soviet government. For the time at least, however, he was convinced that nothing was to be gained by resistance to the control of the workers. He came to an understanding with the workers in his own factory, giving shape to the Soviet experiment.

During his tenure of four ministerial offices he has worked imperceptibly for the restoration of the plain bourgeois methods of commerce. To him the nationalization of commerce was one of the most stupid of Lenin's blunders. As for the world revolution, he is an entire skeptic, and is all for a bourgeois peace. He would lead Russian socialism into the normal ways of democracy. "Who believes in socialism in Russia?" he is reported to have asked. "Not I, nor Lenin."

AFTER TWO YEARS.

LAWRENCE, Mass., Aug. 5. (By International News Service.)—Two years ago a young Italian soldier gave a box of souvenirs of the war fields to Miss Susan Ranney, an American Red Cross worker in Padua, Italy, to be sent to Frank Deane, of this city. The package started on its way and in a few days the package will arrive after having been in transit for two years.

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According to the company's representatives, there is an abundance of necessary material for print paper manufacturing in Parana and other states. Local publishers, who have for some months been occupied with problems growing out of the scarcity and high price of imported print paper are unanimously in favor of the manufacturing project. In the meantime, they are meeting frequently to discuss measures of economy at which reduction in the size of newspapers and increased advertising rates and subscription prices were under consideration.

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In Athens, Constantinople, Tiflis, Smyrna and other cities of the Levant men of all classes carry short strands of bead beads which they play with while walking in the street, riding in street cars and trains, just as nervous men in the West finger their watch chains. Bead shops abound everywhere.

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